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Newsletter

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**Upcoming State
Holiday's**

May 30th
June 6th
July 4th

Please note that the Board Office will be closed on the days posted above.

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View from the Chair

By: Kai Mumpfield, LICSW

Greetings, we hope you are having a great start to this year and that this next season will bring continued opportunities for whatever is next in your social work journey! There are many things happening here at the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners and we want to ensure you don't miss anything. In this newsletter, you will find answers to some commonly asked questions about the changes in supervision requirements. This has been a process that has taken over a year to lay out and we recognize there are still areas to be refined. In our mission to set the practice standards and ensure accountability for the protection of the public, it is our goal to ensure we continue to move Alabama forward with understanding and due process. Other changes that you will see on the board's website will be an update to the website, as well as the roll out of a new digital app to help with processing applications. Please ensure we have correct information for you so that you can get information as it is disseminated. Also, be sure to check the website for notifications, as we continue to charge ahead. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the board office.

Kai

Supervision Questions/Comments Answered

1. “Please announce that there have been changes in the state regulations by newsletter.” The Board is required by law to announce ALL changes. We not only publish in our newsletter, but they can also be found on our website and the Alabama Legislative Services Agency website. The law requires timeframes for posting and hearings for all changes. Plus, all changes were discussed and voted on by the Board at numerous meetings beginning in 2020.
2. Will we allow supervisors with training outside of our state to provide supervision without our training? Yes. If proof is provided that the supervision was obtained from an approved Association of Social Work Board provider.
3. If a LMSW changes from non-clinical to clinical, will they have to restart their supervision? No. The Board will allow six months of the supervision to carry forward to the clinical requirement.
4. Why would someone get non-clinical versus clinical supervision? Not everyone will want to pursue a route to become a LICSW.
5. Now that training is offered what timeframe are we allowing licensees to receive the required training? One year from May 2022. If you have a supervision contract that was approved as of May 1, 2022, the supervisor has one year to obtain the required training and register with the Board. An email will be sent to ALL supervisors that fall within that timeframe 60 days before June 1, 2023, reminding them of the deadline.
6. If a supervisor does not take the training within that timeframe but has a contract, are we going to allow the licensee to use that supervision? Yes, but only for that year.
7. Will LMSW’s that have received a license before training is provided have to declare non-clinical at some point or are they grandfathered in? They are grandfathered in and will not have to declare non-clinical.
8. Can we add supervision hours to the CEU’s earned in training? Yes, of course.
9. Once they are registered with the Board it is good for 2 years? Yes. Will they need to take the training again every 2 years? No. But they will be required to register as a supervisor every two years and earn 3 hours of supervision CEU’s. If they do not register as a supervisor their supervision contracts will not be approved.
10. If a new LMSW is unable to secure a clinical position within 60 days, what must she do to pursue the track toward LICSW. We recommend consulting with the supervisor and reviewing the definition of clinical in our rules.
11. Can a retired social worker still provide supervision? Yes, if they obtain the required training and are registered with the Board.
12. Does recertification as a supervisor occur in tandem with license renewal and is it a \$50 fee each renewal. At this time, it will be a separate renewal. We are working on way to

structure it so it will be in tandem in the future.
Yes, there will be a \$50 fee every two years for

registering as a supervisor.

13. Who is responsible for keeping up with the progress toward the 3000 hours of full-time employment? Both the supervisor and the supervisee.
14. We need training in the southern part of the state. Agreed! We hope to have options very soon!

Website Updates!

Please be sure to register on our website at www.socialwork.alabama.gov as soon as possible! From this registration you can update your mailing address and your email, you can enter your CEU's, follow the status of your application, and even print a copy of your license and wallet card.

Over the next month we will begin emailing license renewal reminders 30 days before your license renewal is due and license expiration notices when your license has reached its 60-day grace period. We will no longer mail these notices so please be sure to register and update your email!

Board Reminders

- **New applications do not require Board approval. They are approved in office. Please keep in mind it can take 14-21 days to receive approval.**
- **Transcripts, immigration compliance forms, and license verifications from other states can now be emailed to the office at info.socialwork@swb.alabama.gov**
- **CE requirements – you must have 3 CE's in the following – Ethics, Clinical (if you are a LICSW) and Supervision (if you are under contract to supervise). Please remember that you need 10 classroom-based CE hours as part of your 30 CE total. Live/interactive webinars will count toward your classroom requirement. Recorded webinars are not considered live.**
- **Please keep in mind you cannot earn CEU's during your 60-day grace period.**
- **We are no longer accepting PIP applications UNLESS you wish to be certified in Social Casework.**
- **The Board will meet again July 20th in our Montgomery office.**

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